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V. Matters related to documentation and publications

1. At its 531st meeting, on 2 September 2014, the Committee on Conferences considered section IV of the report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences concerning matters related to documentation and publications (see A/69/120, paras. 44-58, and supplementary information, sect. VIII).

2. The Department of Public Information continued to digitize important older United Nations documents and upload them to the Official Document System, with assistance from staff reassigned from the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Responses to delegations' questions concerning the volume of documents to be digitized, the criteria for their selection and the technology and expertise required for the task were provided by a representative of the Department of Public Information.

3. Delegations remained concerned about the late issuance of certain documents for the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.

4. At the request of delegations, updated information on the PaperSmart initiative, including print-on-demand facilities, and details of the staffing and workload of the Verbatim Reporting Service were provided by the Department both orally and in writing.

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